

DMB:JPL
F.# 2010R00017

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

SEALED ORDER TO CLOSE COURTROOM
AND FILE DOCUMENTS UNDER SEAL

JOHN DOE,

10 CR 0013 (RJD)

Defendant.

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Upon consideration of the joint motion of the United States of America and the defendant AMANULLAH ZAZI, filed under seal, for an Order: to close the courtroom during the appearance scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011, and to seal the transcripts of that proceeding and this Order;

Having scheduled a public hearing on the motion and notified the public of the hearing by listing the date, time and location of the hearing on the public docket and the Court's public calendar; and

Having held a public hearing on the motion at which the parties and any intervenors were provided an opportunity to be heard;

Based on the submissions of the parties, the Court makes the following findings:

1. There is a substantial probability that a public proceeding would prejudice a compelling interest of the defendant

AMANULLAH ZAZI in his own safety and that of his family by placing the defendant and his family in danger;

2. There is a substantial probability that a public proceeding would prejudice a compelling interest of the government in the integrity of significant government activities entitled to confidentiality, including ongoing grand jury investigations of serious and violent crimes;

3. There is a substantial probability that a public proceeding would prejudice a compelling interest of the government in gathering information of potential importance to protect national security.

4. No reasonable alternatives to closure of the courtroom exist that can adequately protect the compelling interests that would be prejudiced by a public proceeding, identified above.

5. The prejudice to the compelling interests identified above overrides the public's and the media's qualified First Amendment right to access the proceedings.

Accordingly, pursuant to United States v. Alcantara, 396 F.3d 189 (2d Cir. 2005), and United States v. John Doe, 63 F.3d 121 (2d Cir. 1995),

IT IS ORDERED that the motion to close the courtroom during the appearance scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011, and to seal the transcripts of the proceeding and this Order is hereby granted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the closure of the courtroom be tailored by requiring the government, with advance notice to the defendant, to disclose the transcript as required by Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), 18 U.S.C. § 3500 and/or Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the closure of the courtroom be tailored by requiring the government and the defendant to move this Court to unseal the transcript of the proceeding when the prejudice to the parties' interests no longer outweighs the public's qualified right to access; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the public docket will immediately be amended to reflect the occurrence of the hearing on the motion to close the courtroom, the disposition of the motion and the fact of courtroom closure.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
April 19, 2011

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s/ Judge Raymond J. Dearie

THE HONORABLE RAYMOND J. DEARIE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK